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SUBJECT: SOVIET DEFENSE PUNDITS ON MBFR

1. IN EMBOFF CONVERSATIONS WITH KOSTKO AND PROEHKTOR OF IMEMO AND KASHIRIN OF INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION DIVISION OF MFA ON JANUARY 23 AND 24, SOVIETS RESTATED STANDARD POSITIONS ON MBFR. AMONG POINTS OF INTEREST IN CONVERSATIONS, HOWEVER, WAS KOSTKO'S OUTSPOKEN ADVOCACY OF A CONTINUED SUBSTANTIAL U.S. GROUND FORCE PRESENCE IN WESTERN EUROPE. PROEHKTOR AND KASHIRIN BOTH DISCUSSED THE IMPORTANCE OF THE BUNDESWEHR FACTOR IN MBFR, WITH THE LATOCR DWELLING ON IT AT LENGTH. PROEHKTOR ALSO SPOKE AT LENGTH ON HISTORICAL JUSTIFICATION FOR SOVIET RELIANCE ON PREDOMINANCE IN GROUND FORCES. HE SUGGESTED THAT TO ASK SOVIETS TO REDUCE THEIR PRIMARY STRIKE FORCE--GROUND FORCES--WHILE NOT REDUCING OUR PRIMARY STRIKE FORCE--"OTHER
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SYSTEMS"--WAS UNACCEPTABLE. PROEHKTOR'S ARGUMENT SEEMED TO LEAD LOGICALLY TO THE CONCLUSION THAT SYSTEMS CUTS

BY NATO WOULD LEAD TO ASYMMETRIC GROUND FORCE CUTS BY THE
WARSAW PACT, THOUGH PROEHKTOR DID NOT DRAW SUCH A CONCLUSION
HIMSELF.

2. MEMCONS TO ALL ADDRESSES FOLLOW BY AIRGRAM.
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